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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *JONESTOWN: THE LIFE AND DEATH OF PEOPLES TEMPLE*

Film Chronicles Greatest Single Loss of American Civilian Life Before September 11

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will screen the film *JONESTOWN: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple* on Wednesday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public. The Jonestown tragedy, which happened in November 1978, ranks among the largest mass suicides in history as well the greatest single loss of American civilian life in a non-natural disaster until the events of September 11, 2001.

The film is a revealing portrait of Peoples Temple founder Jim Jones, his followers and the tragedy that unfolded in the jungles of Guyana in South America, as told by Jonestown survivors, former members of Peoples Temple and relatives of those who died, including local scholar Rebecca Moore, Ph.D., who has written and published extensively on Peoples Temple and Jonestown, and will introduce the film. Dr. Moore is a professor and chairperson of the Religious Studies Department at San Diego State University. She will sign copies and speak on Wednesday, November 18, about her new book, *Understanding Jonestown and Peoples Temple*, published this year and being reviewed as “the fullest account we have of the career of Peoples Temple.”

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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